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SUBJECT: US/GON CIVAIR TALKS

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1. CONSULATE MAY INFORM DCA CATHALINA THAT PRIMARY PURPOSES RESUMEDUS/GON CIVAIR TALKS IN WASHINGTON DURING WEEK NOVEMBER 11 WILL BE RENEGOTIATE US/GON BILATERAL AND REDUCTION KLM TRANSATLANTIC CAPACITY. WITH RESPECT TO CONCLUSION SEPARATE AGREEMENTS WITH KINGDOM ON BEHALF ONE OR MORE CONSTITUENT ELEMENTS, IT IS UNLIKELY THIS ISSUE WILL EMERGE IN NEXT ROUND OF TALKS.

2. FOLLOWING IS AGREED TEXT OF US/GON PRESS RELEASE:

QUOTE: AT THE REQUEST OF THE UNITED STATES, DELEGATIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MET IN THE HAGUE THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 21 TO DISCUSS BILATERAL CIVIL AVIATION MATTERS, INCLUDING THE BALANCE OF BENEFITS AND THE REDUCTION OF NORTH ATLANTIC CAPACITY. ALSO THE POSSIBLE

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CONCLUSION OF SEPARATE AGREEMENTS WITH THE KINGDOM ON

BEHALF OF ONE OR MORE OF THE CONSTITUENT ELEMENTS OF THE KINGDOM WAS DISCUSSED.

IT WAS AGREED THAT IN PRINCIPLE THE EXISTING BILATERAL AGREEMENT COULD BE RENEGOTIATED. THE DELEGATION OF THE KINGDOM STATED THAT A DEFINITIVE OPINION WOULD BE EXPRESSED AFTER FURTHER CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE CONSTITUENT PARTS OF THE KINGDOM. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION INDICATED THAT TALKS FOR THIS PURPOSE COULD BEGIN WITHIN A FEW MONTHS.

THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION ADDRESSED THE QUESTION OF THE FUNDAMENTAL IMBALANCE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES EXISTING IN THE NETHERLANDS FAVOR. IT STRESSED ITS LONG-HELD VIEW THAT KLM OPERATES IN EXCESS OF THE CAPACITY ALLOWED UNDER THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT. ON THE OTHER HAND THE NETHERLANDS DELEGATION COULD NOT ACCEPT THE UNITED STATES POSITION AND STATED THAT IN THEIR VIEW KLM'S OPERATIONS ARE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CAPACITY CLAUSES OF THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT.

BOTH GOVERNMENTS RECOGNIZED THE NEED, IN VIEW OF CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, TO REDUCE CAPACITY ACROSS THE NORTH ATLANTIC FOR THE COMING YEAR.

DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS PAN AM ANNOUNCED THAT BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC AND TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IT WILL REDUCE ITS CAPACITY BY SUSPENDING ITS DAILY BOSTON-AMSTERDAM-BERLIN SERVICE, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 1974.

IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS WILL ENSURE A 25 PERCENT REDUCTION FROM THE PLANNED 1974-75 WINTER SEAT CAPACITY OF KLM TO BE EFFECTED INTER ALIA BY A 10 PERCENT REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF FLIGHTS, PENDING THE RESUMPTION OF TALKS. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION REGARDS THIS REDUCTION AS AN INTERIM MEASURE.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD ACCEPT THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST TO  
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ADJOURN THE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS AND TO RESUME THEM DURING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11, 1974, IN WASHINGTON. ON THE NETHERLANDS SIDE, THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL. UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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